

# The Truth About the Second Coming of Jesus

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# Beliefs of the Secret Rapture Theory

- 1. Advocates for the theory assume that the rapture of the church by Christ goes unnoticed by the unsaved multitude, so they teach it must be **SILENT**.
- 2. For the same reason, teachers of the Secret Rapture assume that it must be invisible.
- 3. Secret Rapture theory teaches that Christ's rapture of the church leaves the wicked **ALIVE**.
- 4. Advocates for the theory assume that God **MUST** remove the righteous to protect them from the tribulation.

5. Rapturists teach Christ's coming will be in TWO STAGES. First the Rapture which will be secret—unseen and unheard—then the actual coming, which will be glorious.

6. They teach that these two stages of Christ's second coming will be separated by 7 years.

7. The secret rapture theory teaches that the rapture will take place before the revelation of the Antichrist, who then brings about the period called the Tribulation.

8. This theory further teaches that the wicked left behind will have a second chance to follow Jesus and be saved.

- So let's look at each of the aspects of this theory and see what the Bible says. (Rapture is the transporting of believers to Heaven)

1. Is the rapture silent? Let's ask the Apostle Paul. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 "This we say to you by the Word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a SHOUT, with the VOICE of an archangel, and with the TRUMPET of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first.

- 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 “Behold I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall SOUND and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed.”

- Psalms 50:3- “Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence.”
- Jesus: Matthew 24:31 “And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

•But what about this text? Revelation 16:15

“Behold I am coming like a thief. Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

Paul explains: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4 “But concerning the times and seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the DAY of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night...but you brethren are not in darkness, that this DAY should overtake you as a thief.”



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no one expected it. It snuck up like a thief. But everyone saw it



- Is the rapture invisible?
- Mark 13:26 “Then shall they SEE the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
- Matthew 24:27 “For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.”
- Will only the saved see this rapture? Could the wicked miss it?

- Revelation 1:7  
“Behold He cometh  
with clouds and  
EVERY EYE SHALL  
SEE HIM...”

- Does the rapture leave the wicked alive?
- Luke 17:26-30 “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the Flood came and destroyed them all.

- Lets look again at Luke 17:34-36 and add verse 37 to it: “I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left. And they answered “Where, Lord?” So he said to them “Wherever the body is there the eagles(vultures) will be gathered together.”

- Does God have to remove the righteous before a tribulation?
- Are God's people guaranteed to not have to go through a tribulation?

- Did God take the Israelites out of Egypt during the plagues?
- Did God take Daniel out of the lions den?
- Did Daniels friends have to go through the fire?
- Did Noah and his family have to go through the flood?

- Deuteronomy 4:30,31 “When thou art in tribulation and all these things are come upon thee, even in the LATTER DAYS, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto His voice, He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee....



- Acts 14:22 “We must through much tribulation enter the kingdom of God.”
- Noah, Daniel, and his three friends were not saved FROM tribulation, but were brought THROUGH it by God.

- Does the Bible teach that Jesus' coming is in two stages?
- Matthew 13:30,40 “Let both(wheat and tares) grow together until the harvest...therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.”

- Will unbelievers have a second chance?
- Lets ask Jesus: Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the wise and foolish virgins.
- Did Noah open the door a second time?
- Revelation 22:11-12 “He who is unjust, let him be unjust still, he who is filthy, let him be filthy still, he who is righteous, let him be righteous still, he who is holy, let him be holy still. And behold I am coming quickly and my reward is with me to give every one according to his work.

Why is this important?

